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1. DURING NOVEMBER 19 COMMONS DEBATE FOLLOWING
QUEEN'S SPEECH, PRIME MINISTER MADE FOLLOWING
COMMENTS ON POSSIBLE IMPORT CONTROLS.

"ONE FURTHER POINT CAME UP ON WHICH THE
HOUSE WILL WANT ME TO COMMENT AND TO
WHICH THE RIGHT HON. LADY (MRS. THATCHER)
REFERRED. ON THE ACTION TO DEAL WITH
ABNORMAL AND DAMAGING IMPORTS WHERE THEY
THREATEN EVEN THE EXISTENCE OF SECTORS OF
INDUSTRY IN THIS COUNTRY SUFFERING NOW FROM
IMPORTS BUT VIABLE AND COMPETITIVE IN RECOVERY
CONDITIONS, I TOLD MY COLLEAGUES AT
RAMBOUILLET EXACTLY WHAT I SAID IN THE HOUSE

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ON 4TH NOVEMBER, AND WHAT I SAID WAS FULLY

UNDERSTOOD AT RAMBOUILLET.

"BUT NO ACTION TAKEN ON AN INTERNATIONAL
SCALE ABSOLVES US FROM THE NECESSITY OF TAKING
EVERY POSSIBLE ACTION TO STRENGTHEN BRITAIN
IN THE FACE OF THE WORLD WND NATIONAL PROBLEMS.
IT IS OUR OWN DUTY TO OUR OWN PEOPLE AND IT IS
EQUALLY OUR DUTY TO OUR TRADING PARTNERS."

2. EDWARD SHORT, LEADER OF THE COMMONS, SAID ON
NOVEMBER 20 THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD MAKE A "STATE-
MENT ON SELECTIVE IMPORT CONTROLS IN THE NEAR FUTURE."

3. PRIME MINISTER'S NOVEMBER 4 STATEMENT TO COMMONS IS
AS FOLLOWS: "WE DO NOT RULE OUT PROTECTIVE MEASURES FOR
PARTICULAR INDUSTRIES SUFFERING OR THREATENED WITH
SERIOUS INJURY AS A RESULT OF INCREASED IMPORTS. WE
HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THAT WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT A GENER-
ALISED SYSTEM OF IMPORT CONTROLS ON BEHALF OF OUR BALANCE
OF PAYMENTS OR ANYTHING ELSE IS RIGHT FOR BRITAIN. IT
WOULD HAVE A SERIOUS EFFECT ON OUR EXPORTS. MY RIGHT
HON. FRIEND (SEC. OF STATE FOR TRADE) EMPHASISED THE
GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION--AS HE DID DURING HIS VISITS
TO THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES LAST WEEK--TO CONTINUE TO DO
OUR BEST TO SUSTAIN WORLD TRADE. BUT, AS HE POINTED OUT:
'WE CANNOT STAND IDLY BY IN A SITUATION THAT WOULD
RESULT IN THE DESTRUCTION OF A MAJOR BRITISH INDUSTRIAL
CAPACITY THAT WE SHALL NEED IN THE FUTURE WHEN THE
WORLD DEPRESSION GIVES PLACE TO RECOVERY IN THIS AND
OTHER COUNTRIES.'"

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